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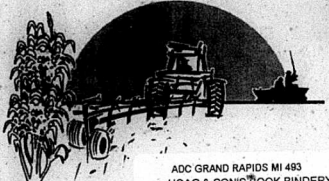
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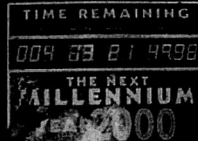
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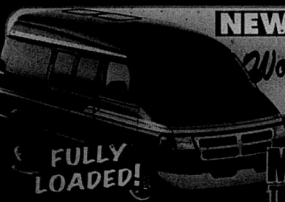
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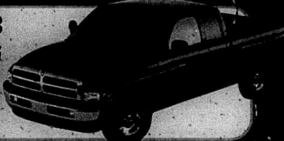
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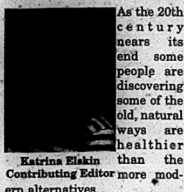
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Some of the old ways may still be the healthiest



Katrina Elakin from the Contributing Editor more modern alternatives.

(Bear in mind, the century really doesn't end until Dec. 31, 2000 since there was no year zero.)

For example, some people are now concerned about the chem-

icals in household cleaners. These chemicals can cause allergic reactions in those are chemically-sensitive. They can also harm the environment.

"Hints from Heloise," recommends the following natural cleaners. Not only are these substances safer than the brand name alternatives, they're also considerably less expensive.

- * Use vinegar to clean mini blinds, plastic upholstery and hairbrushes.
- Just mix one-half cup of white vinegar to enough water to make a gallon of cleanser. If

sugar ants are invading your home (a common problem in Florida), wipe down windowsills and countertops with vinegar. The smell may discourage them from entering your home.

- * Use a baking soda paste to clean scuff marks off floors or to clean stains on plastic containers, ceramic or glass surfaces. Just mix baking soda and water and clean with a damp sponge.

- * Use equal parts toothpaste (the non-gel kind) and baking soda to clean white rings off furniture.
- * Use a paste of borax and

lemon juice to clean rust stains from sinks.

If you make your own cleaning solutions, always mark the bottles so you don't get them mixed up. And always keep cleaning materials out of the reach of children, Heloise warns.

More easy household hints are featured in the book, "Hints from Heloise," available in most public libraries. To chat online with Heloise, visit www.goodhousekeeping.com/heloise.

The healthful benefits of breastfeeding were back in the news this week.

Research now shows that breastmilk is the best source of

zinc for young babies. Zinc is important for babies because it helps reduce the risk of developing pneumonia. It also helps prevent diarrhea, which can cause dehydration. Feeding babies the way nature intended is healthiest for babies and for their mothers, doctors agree.

If your mother taught you to eat your breakfast, call her and thank her.

A survey of Americans who have made it to age 100 or older found one thing they all had in common was they were taught as children to eat breakfast every day. According to the book, "Low-Fat Living," by the

editors of Prevention Magazine, eating breakfast every day helps boost the body's metabolism. Interestingly, skipping breakfast actually makes it harder to lose weight. Surveys in the news indicate most Americans plan to safely celebrate New Year's Eve in an old-fashioned way this year -- by staying home with family. The scare about potential Y2K problems and the danger of being out on the road with drunk drivers has convinced many people to skip the parties this year.

Have a happy, healthy and safe new year!

ER Chronicles: But won't the fever hurt her?



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

For three days, that little cough was more frequent, and now this. Fever! In her 13 months of life, this was the first time Jessica had been sick, and Mom had heard recently about a child with fever who had died. She couldn't really remember what the story was about, except that the baby had died.

Mom didn't have a thermometer, but she knew that Jessica had a fever. Her baby had never felt this warm before.

Mom grabbed her purse, scooped up Jessica from the playpen, and headed for her car.

It was a rather quiet Tuesday afternoon at the Ochsner Hospital ER, and Phil was relaxing at the triage desk. He was the

ER nurse who had drawn the triage assignment for this shift, and, given the peaceful pace of the shift so far, he was starting to feel rather lucky.

Phil spotted Mom carrying Jessica through the ER entrance. Noticing that look of near-fear on her face, Phil motioned for her to approach.

"Hi, I'm Phil," he said as he motioned toward the chair beside his desk. Then smiling and pointing at Jessica, he added, "What's going on here?"

"I think she has a high fever!" Then, as Phil nodded, she shared her real concern. "I'm afraid it might be something bad, like, well, you know."

Noticing that Jessica was playing with the three other Mom's jacket, and that she was baby-speaking and giggling as the zipper moved, Phil offered some reassurance.

"Well, it's probably not something real bad," he said as he pulled the blanket off of Jessica. "But let's take a look here and see just what's going on."

As he checked the child's heart rate and breathing, Phil asked several more questions. Mom was feeling a bit more at

ease now, and answered each one.

"Yes, I think that she's had that congestion for about three days."

"Come with me." Phil led them to an empty pediatric ER bed. Jessica's attention was drawn to the colorful cartoon figures painted on the wall.

"We'll need to get a rectal temperature so we can see just how high the fever is."

A few minutes later, Phil rounded the corner by the emergency physician's desk.

"Hey, Doc. I got a 13-month old girl with congestion and a fever of 101."

Dr. Tammy Cortez looked up. She only had three other patients in the ER right now, two of them getting X-rays, and the other waiting on lab test results. She popped up from her chair.

"How's she look?"

"Actually," Phil said confidently, "she looks great. I think it's a young mother who's not used to having a sick kid."

Cortez nodded, then headed for the pediatric bed.

"Hi, I'm Dr. Cortez." She

shook Mom's hand, then turned her attention to the girl who was now climbing down off of the other end of the bed.

Together, Cortez and Mom reviewed Jessica's past three days. Cortez looked, listened, and then prodded several areas on Jessica's body as they spoke.

Jessica thought it was all a game, and pulled at the stethoscope.

"And she's never really been ill before this?"

"No, never." Cortez sat down next to Mom.

"Well, it looks like she picked up a cold somewhere, an upper respiratory virus. That causes that congestion and cough."

She paused, and noticed that Mom was staring intently at her, as though she was expecting more news.

"I think the reason that the fever started today is because Jessica is now getting an ear infection. Her ear drums are both a bit red, and that can cause fever." Her voice remained calm and reassuring.

"Oh," Mom said. She looked again at Cortez, still not convinced that this was the whole story.

Cortez continued, "Well, put her on some antibiotics, and that should stop the infection." She stopped talking, giving Mom a chance to respond.

"So, that's it?"

"Yes. It's an ear infection."

"But won't the fever hurt her?"

Cortez spent the next five minutes talking to Mom about fever in children. She was glad that the day was a quiet one in the ER so that she could afford to take this extra time with a young mother. She could see Mom's facial expressions and demeanor soften as they talked.

Mom picked up Jessica and hugged her. "Come, baby," she said. She kissed her, then turned back to Cortez. "Thanks, Dr. Cortez. We both feel a lot better."

Mom smiled. Jessica giggled.

Fever is an elevation in body temperature caused by an increase in the heat regulatory set-point area of the brain. Within the hypothalamus, a regulatory center controls body temperature by balancing a complex set of signals that arise from nerve receptors, pro-

teins, and chemicals.

There are many causes of fever. While the most obvious cause of fever is infection, it can also arise because of drug reactions, malignancies, inflammatory diseases, vaccines, and tissue-damaging trauma.

Fever by itself is not usually beneficial to a person's response to infection. Treatment of the fever (with acetaminophen or ibuprofen) does not alter the course of common infections in normal children, and some authorities do not even recommend treating fever in such patients.

High temperatures, e.g., 105 degrees or more, do place children at more risk than lower fevers. Such fever may increase the risk of a benign seizure, or sometimes may indicate a more serious infection.

Because of the association between aspirin and Reye syndrome, children should never be given aspirin.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

Exercise and Nutrition - The Best Health Insurance

We're all getting older. There's no way around it. But getting older does not have to mean getting weaker or sick. Eating a balanced diet and exercising moderately may be the closest thing to the proverbial fountain of youth by strengthening the body and helping fight disease, according to Radford University professor BB Strum.

"The thing with the muscles is that if you don't use them, they atrophy and don't function at their optimal levels, so you get weaker and can't do the things you think you should be able to do," says Strum, who teaches physical and health education courses at Radford University. "It's not old age or aging that has caused this process, it's inactivity. For older people, weight-bearing activities such as weight training and walking help to prevent osteoporosis and also increase the number of HDLs, the good cholesterol. Appropriate exercise done correctly is the best health insurance."

As the population of baby boomers ages, 20 percent of the U.S. population will be over 65 in 30 years it should pay attention to eating and exercise habits to maximize health. Strum recommends that people

wanting to improve their health through proper diet and exercise first determine their Body Mass Index (BMI) and determine the proper number of calories to ingest according to your BMI, age and activity level. You can determine your BMI with the help of your doctor, or there are many sources on the Internet that can help. Eating a balanced diet and staying within your calorie limit in addition to participating in moderate aerobic and weight resistance training most days of the week can help ward off stress and disease as well as provide more energy. "We're not talking about power lifting here," says Strum, "we're just talking about body tone to keep muscles from atrophying."

Marcella Griggs, nursing professor at RU, agrees, and says that a lack of proper nutrition, or exercise can lead to obesity which has a rippling effect and can contribute to the development of chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, high blood pressure and arthritis. Those who spend most of their lives in dissatisfaction won't necessarily find happiness when they leave their jobs.

"Dollars and health" are two mediating factors to life satisfaction at any age, says Newhouse. "You need enough money so that you're not always struggling, and you need good enough health to be physically independent. Independence is tied closely to self-esteem." She adds that a third factor, especially important

which we don't know enough yet," says Griggs. "Given the fact, we should do all we can to prevent these things from happening by having proper nutrition and maintaining proper weight and exercise." Specific illnesses that exercise helps prevent are coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, colon and rectal cancer, diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis and balance problems.

Griggs recommends that in addition to diet and exercise, people over 65 should get a full physical every two years as well as appropriate screenings such as prostate exams and mammograms at intervals recommended by their doctor. She also notes that as long as a proper diet is being maintained, a good multivitamin and mineral supplement is adequate.

The best news of all is that it is never too late to reap the benefits of exercise and proper nutrition. Both Strum and Griggs agree that the earlier you start, the better in terms of disease prevention, and regardless of age the body will become stronger and better functioning. "You can't retain what you had when you were 30 years old, but you can maximize it," says Griggs. The bottom line is

that "yagottawanna," says Strum. "It shouldn't be a chore. It should be something you care enough about yourself to do, and it's never too late to start."

Strum and Griggs offer the following tips on getting started on the road to a healthier future:

If you haven't done any exercise in a while or are starting from scratch, start slowly. Be sure to visit your physician before beginning an exercise program to make sure there are no existing injuries or concerns with specific exercises.

Be conscientious of the serving size when estimating caloric intake and eat a variety of foods.

Find the activities you like to do and stick with a program. Activities could include gardening, strolling with the grandchildren, power walking, volleyball, anything that keeps you motivated, as long as it is done three or four times per week.

In an exercise program, quality always overrules quantity. Make sure your technique is correct. It doesn't matter how many sit-ups you do if they are done improperly.

Muscles only know resistance, they don't know what is causing it-it could be a 20-

pound bag of dog food, your groceries or a weight machine. Do whatever works for you.

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Is There A Secret to Happiness in Retirement?

When approaching retirement years, some people look ahead eagerly while others drag their feet with reluctance or dread. After leaving their careers, some feel disappointed but some feel more alive than ever. Is there a secret to happiness in retirement?

Janette Newhouse, a Radford University human development professor who specializes in gerontology, suggests that degree of a person's happiness in retirement is somewhat predictable. "When you look across a lifespan," she says, "there is more continuity than change.

People who are generally satisfied throughout their lives tend to be happy in retirement; those who spend most of their lives in dissatisfaction won't necessarily find happiness when they leave their jobs."

"Dollars and health" are two mediating factors to life satisfaction at any age, says Newhouse. "You need enough money so that you're not always struggling, and you need good enough health to be physically independent. Independence is tied closely to self-esteem." She adds that a third factor, especially important

during the older years, is having close relationships that provide a support network.

A sense of status, a sense of being needed and a sense of being a contributing member of society all make for satisfaction in late life as much as in early life, says Newhouse. "Often people give up a piece of their identity when they retire," she says. Many times they don't realize how much they have identified themselves by their jobs, and they feel a sense of loss. "Other kinds of loss, such as children moving away or the death of a partner, can chink

away at one's identity, too. "The retirement years are a real rite of passage. People sometimes have to re-invent their identity and ask themselves how do I fit into the world I now live in?"

Anticipating your needs including financial, physical and emotional needs can contribute to a happy retirement, says Newhouse. Having something to retire to, whether it's a cause in which you believe, a passion you wish to follow or even another career, can keep you involved and alleviate the sense of disengagement from life that some retirees feel.

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Thanks to sanitation dept.

"I want to personally thank the crew at the Belle Glade Sanitation Department for picking up the trash on Northeast Second Street and Northeast Third Street this past week. It looks much better, and just in time for Christmas! It's also good to know that if we call we can get things picked up sooner. Again, thank you."

Get it right

"I'm tired of everyone saying 'Happy New Millennium.' Let's remember folks, the new millennium doesn't start until January 1, 2001. Happy New Year!"

Voting on the sale of alcohol

"I'm calling in reference to people talking about Commissioners Wilson, Miller and Wilkerson voting to allow the sale of alcohol at the wrestling matches in Belle Glade."

You have a lot of adults there and I'm quite sure it will be supervised, so if the kids see the parents drinking, well, wherever they go they are going to see drinking. So, why don't you let the adults enjoy themselves as long as none of the kids get hold of any of the alcohol."

And another thing, people say they won't vote for Commissioner Wilkerson again. Well, I am a taxpayer and have been a resident of Belle Glade all my life (36 years), and I feel that she will continue to be a great candidate and a great city commissioner."

I don't know anything about her going to California, but if she did, I'm quite sure she didn't use any of the taxpayer's money. If it wasn't city business, she probably used her own money. But who knows what she went to California for, I don't, but I really don't care what she went for."

All that really concerns me is that she continues to help the kids in the community and also she is trying to get things done in the community - her, Commissioner Wilson, Mrs. Miller - all of them are doing a great job. Just stay off their back and let them do what they're doing."

The person who's calling in complaining probably didn't vote for them anyway. Thank you."

Praise for commissioners

"This is in regard to the courage shown by Vice Mayor Bill Mathis and Commissioner Steve Weeks for voting no to the sale of alcoholic beverages at the wrestling matches. Just because you are in the minority does

not mean that we're not proud of you. Be aware, the citizens of Belle Glade are very proud of you and we hope the other three commissioners who are in the majority now that we can take the majority from them in the next election. So, keep up the good work Vice Mayor Mathis and Commissioner Weeks and we will keep up the good work for you. Thank you."

Nepotism?

"Yes. This is for Madam Mayor. Qualifications does not mean 'son-in-law' it means the most qualified person."

That's who you should have hired, not your son-in-law. You made history in Belle Glade by appointing your son-in-law. Also, you brought shame and showed us how someone can use their political influence to get a job for their kinfolk."

Belle Glade Mayor Harma Miller responds: "I realize that every time a relative of any elected official receives a job or any services from the city, a question of nepotism surfaces by someone who questions the motives of those in charge."

The caller needs to know that the mayor, by charter mandate, does not hire employees. The commission, not the mayor (5 people) make decisions to hire some various qualified consultants to assist the city attorney and the city manager. All other applicants and interviews are done through the Department of Human Resources. Mr. Tate, my son-in-law, was hired by the city manager in his capacity after due process. There is no earthly reason why in a town as small as Belle Glade, where professionals are leaving us and people are not returning, that my son-in-law or any son-in-law should be penalized because his mother-in-law is on the city commission."

In the case of Houston Tate, "qualifications", as the caller mentions, does mean my son-in-law. The caller may also inquire about qualifications of other applicants for that same position if he or she wishes to do so. I'm not surprised that I would draw such criticism from either political enemies or an uninformed citizen who is not aware of the rules of the charter, or who may not have voted for me."

I accept the criticism as part of the process and have no ill wishes for the caller. Anyone who knows me would be able to conclude that a son-in-law of mine who would not be qualified also would not be working for the city. Both the Human Resources director and the

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Seattle Round of WTO impacts Florida agriculture

By Bob Buker

Senior Vice President, United States Sugar Corporation

Trade talks were upstaged by massive protests and minor vandalism in Seattle as the new round of World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations ended without truly beginning last month. World trade ministers failed to even set an agenda for the next round of market-opening negotiations that are expected to focus on agriculture.

Seattle was flooded with protest groups from hundreds of labor and environmental organizations who view world trade as a way for multinational corporations to evade the stringent labor and environmental standards of American industry.

Florida agriculture, with a great deal at stake in any future trade negotiations, was well represented in Seattle. Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford and his staff, as well as representatives from Florida's various agricultural sectors attended the conference to deliver a clear message: It is imperative that U.S. negotiators make no further concessions that are detrimental to Florida agriculture as they negotiate trade agreements.

This is particularly crucial to import sensitive crops like citrus, vegetables and sugar - all major parts of Florida agriculture. The last trade round in Geneva (GATT) granted major access to U.S. markets without any reciprocal benefits for Florida crops, and the North American Free Trade Agreement gave away many Florida agricultural markets to Mexico.

In addition, Congress made huge unilateral reforms to U.S. agriculture policy in the 1996 Freedom to Farm legislation. These reforms have led to drastic reductions in agricultural commodity prices across the country. American agriculture is in a period of financial crisis, yet consumer prices for food products are going up, not down as the multinational food companies pocket profits instead of passing savings along to the consumer.

There are important issues to be settled, and this round of trade negotiations will eventually continue in Geneva early next year as the attention and furor generated in Seattle subsides. Florida's agriculture industry wants the new trade round to take a more realistic look at agricultural programs around the world. Many foreign countries have export subsidies, state trading enterprises that function as virtual monopolies, as well as thinly veiled government support programs that went untouched in prior negotiations. It is unfair to expect American farmers to compete against foreign farmers aided by these foreign government programs. In addition, free trade must also be fair trade - with labor and environmental standards a necessary part of the discussion.

Sugar is a major Florida crop, employing over 40,000 people. As far as sugar is concerned, it is time for other sugar-producing countries to match the level of reforms the U.S. has already made in its sugar policy before further concessions are made here. Many foreign countries are interested only in dismantling what is left of American sugar policy to get more access to our markets, with no intention of reforming themselves. This is unacceptable and would lead to certain destruction of domestic sugar production if highly subsidized foreign sugar were allowed to flood our markets. Many of these same countries fail to meet even minimal environmental and labor standards, with child labor rampant in many sugar-producing areas.

These trade negotiations could have a major impact on the future of many of Florida's agricultural commodities, including citrus, vegetables, and sugar. While the goal of free trade is a worthy one, Florida cannot afford for U.S. negotiators to adopt a "free trade at any cost" position, neither can we.

Family support, school climate can help abused girls avoid bulimia

By Ed Hunter

University of Florida News

The support of family members and a positive school climate help physically abused adolescent girls avoid the binge-purge cycle of bulimia, a new University of Florida survey shows.

The survey of about 18,000 females ages 12 to 18 - mostly from Western and Midwestern states - who identified themselves as being physically abused was conducted over a five-year period in conjunction with researchers at the Search Institute in Minneapolis. Daniel Perkins, a UF youth development specialist, said the survey data indicates that with the proper support, physically abused girls are no more likely to engage in purging than other females in the same age group.

"These factors eliminate the impact of physical abuse as a risk factor of increasing the likelihood of purging," Perkins said. "It decreases the likelihood of purging even though they were physically abused."

Perkins said without the protective factors of family support and school climate, physically abused teen girls are 90 percent more likely to engage in purging, and girls who were sexually abused are 22 percent more likely to engage in purging. He said the survey shows how critical it is that parents be supportive and accepting of their children.

"Parents and other family members have a key role to play in terms of adolescents dealing with their identity and making them feel comfortable with themselves," said Perkins, an assistant professor of human resource development in the UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. "It's really about loving them for who they are and maybe not highlighting negative things about their body or their appearance."

"As a parent, it's really important that you focus on positives and that you really love them for who they are," he said.

Perkins said family support relates to how much emotional support the young person felt she received from her family and how comfortable she was going to her parents with problems. A positive school climate exists when students feel school is a positive place to be, the teachers are supportive and encouraging and students have opportunities to be involved.

Valeria, a UF graduate student who doesn't want to use her last name, said the environment when she was in school definitely contributed to her turning to purging as a way to fit in.

"I was always performing, I had to be officers in clubs, had to have the right grades and get into the right school," Valeria said. "And there was even pressure at home. It was just constant. I had to be perfect, but I couldn't be perfect. There wasn't anywhere for me to let down. There weren't any friends I could let down with."

Perkins said the study also revealed some risk factors that increased the likelihood that young girls would engage in purging.

"We found one risk factor being sexual abuse, so physically abused females who also reported being sexually abused were much more likely to engage in purging than physically abused females who did not report being sexually abused," Perkins said.

An apparent risk factor that confused the researchers dealt with young people who had adults outside the family to go to with their problems. These young girls reported higher-than-expected rates of purging, Perkins said.

"This is a very confusing finding, and we're still not really sure how to explain that," Perkins said. "It may be that adults in their lives while they are supportive, also may be fairly controlling and not allow the adolescent to have a lot of autonomy. And so in order to gain that control, they turn to purging."

"Another possibility could be really that the adults are just putting so much pressure on the young person to achieve that the young person doesn't feel comfortable going to them to talk about this particular issue, and so as an outlet they turn towards engaging in bulimia," he said.

Perkins said the survey also brought to light some significant differences in the likelihood that females will turn to purging based on ethnicity.

"African-Americans are much less likely to engage in purging than whites," Perkins said. "That may be in part due to their broader image of physical appearance compared to whites. It appears that whites have a much more narrow vision of what beauty is compared to the African-Americans."

"Native Americans, on the other hand, are more likely to engage in purging, and we have not been able to identify why they are turning toward purging more than white females. It may be in part due to their assimilation into the culture and trying to fit in more, so they go to extremes," he said.

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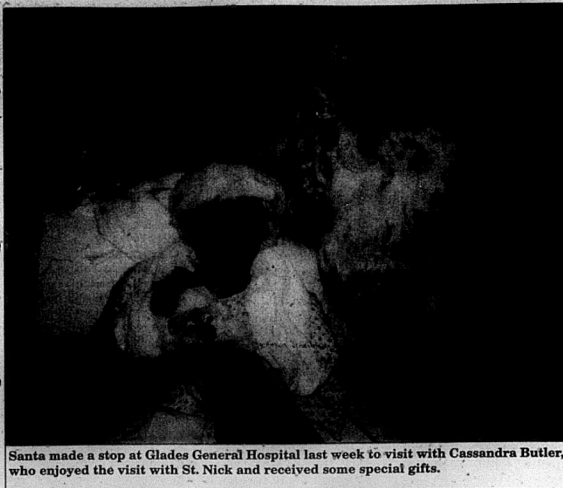
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Santa made a stop at Glades General Hospital last week to visit with Cassandra Butler, who enjoyed the visit with St. Nick and received some special gifts.

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city manager, in my opinion, are honorable people who are well aware of the consequences of hiring unqualified personnel - the least of which puts their jobs on the line.

It took more courage to hire Mr. Tate than to succumb to political pressure. I applaud both of them because they didn't do it for "Madam Mayor," they did it for the citizens of the City of Belle Glade."

New Year's/From Page 1

Year. Mr. Schenck said, "We hope to get some economic development into town. We are working on recruiting some businesses into our industrial park and we plan to continue working on our campground and marina."

South Bay City Manager Michael Jackson says his city is also looking for more economic development in 2000. "We've been working on this for the past four years. We've been working on a ton of projects we hope will materialize in the New Year," he said.

He says he plans to go to church on New Year's Eve and then attend the Street Beat

Says it's not fair

"I'd like to congratulate the Glades Central Raiders for their second straight championship and their third straight appearance at the state finals.

But the thing I don't like is that there are players who have been on the team the entire season but they won't be getting state championship rings because of the cutbacks. I don't feel that it's fair. I'm asking Dr. Grear or Coach Watson to explain this.

One of the kids was injured after a stellar game. He was a

great running back and he has another year, but I still feel that just because he was injured and his name was not on the roster he should still get a ring. He was a statistician for the rest of the season, but he still doesn't get a championship ring.

Come on."

Editor's note: Palm Beach County Schools are out until after the New Year. We invite Dr. Grear or Coach Watson to respond when it is convenient for them.

Concert in South Bay. Belle Glade Mayor Harma Miller says she hopes the city will be able to change the way they do business in the New Year.

"We want to empower our employees to take more responsibility," she said. Treating people equally regardless of race, sex or religion something she sees as important also.

"On a personal note, I believe I'm going to be able to contribute to the city in a way I wasn't able to in the past. My direction from God is clean and transcends all political policies," says Mayor Miller.

Belle Glade City Manager Smith says he has a list of wishes for his city in the New Year. "I'd like to see more street

repairs and a cleaner city," he said, noting it will take more than just city staff's efforts to clean up the town. "It's going to take educating our citizens also," he said.

He says he also would like to see redevelopment of the old downtown district of Belle Glade and continued development of the Belle Glade Business Park.

As far as New Year's resolutions, Mr. Smith says, "I'm in terrible shape. I plan to lose weight and exercise more." Mr. Buff says her goal is to not work so hard in 2000. Chief Miller says he has the same goal every year, to lose weight, but this year he has added "spend more time in church," to the list.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 612 complaints and gave 42 traffic citations the week of December 20-26.

Those arrested included:

December 20 - Alice Pitts, 41, battery; Michelle Byrd, 36, battery; Anthony Perkins, 21, robbery with a firearm and grand theft.

December 21 - Israel Hester, 31, burglary of an occupied dwelling; George Baker Jr., 43, violation of probation.

December 22 - Wilson Philemon, 22, burglary of a vehicle and petty theft; Santonio Minus, 18, burglary of a vehicle and petty theft; Bernard Robinson, 45, loitering and prowling; Raymond Posey, 24, violation of probation.

December 23 - Ailsant Toussaint, 26, failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended or revoked; Cassandra Simmons, 42, failure to appear on charges of retail theft.

December 24 - Lauro Delgado Jr., 46, contempt of court in a child support case; David Jerome Pace, 24, failure to appear on a traffic citation; Roberto Jimenez, 29, possession of cocaine; Iselias Quintana, 25, retail theft; Teofelo Zapata, 22, two counts of battery; Sammie Lee Anderson, 28, possession of cocaine and sale of cocaine.

December 25 - Walter Burke, 39, domestic battery.

December 26 - Benjamin Mendoza, 41, trespassing after warning; McArthur Claze, 26, battery on a law enforcement officer; Jacqueline Gomez, 52, sale of cocaine and resisting an officer with violence; Louis Canada, 54, possession of cocaine; Ronnie Booth, 21, aggravated assault with a firearm.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 2 arrests the week of December 19-25.

Those arrested included:

December 19 - No arrests made.

December 20 - No arrests made.

December 21 - No arrests made.

December 22 - No arrests made.

December 23 - John R. Masters, 28, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

December 24 - Sammie L. Smith, 40, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

December 25 - No arrests made.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 133 calls, issued 12 traffic citations and made 5 arrests the week of December 20-26.

Those arrested included:

December 20 - Juvenile, 17, simple battery.

December 21 - No arrests made.

December 22 - Lawrence Wiker, 42, sexual battery; Claude Anderson, 46, battery.

December 23 - Juvenile, 14, criminal mischief.

December 24 - No arrests made.

December 25 - No arrests made.

December 26 - Jamie Littles, 20, aggravated battery and aggravated assault.

Please note: Any person who is listed in the arrest blotter of The Sun and is later found not guilty is encouraged to call the newspaper and let us know.

We will confirm the information and print it in the next available publication.

South Florida Fair to host "Largest Vegetable Contest"

The Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service and the South Florida Fair are again this year sponsoring a "Largest Vegetable Contest" to recognize local vegetable growers. The contest is open to anyone growing vegetables including commercial growers; however, the vegetables entered must be grown by the exhibitor.

The contest, which is held annually on opening day of the South Florida Fair, has six

prize categories ranging from \$25 to \$200 for adults 18 years and up and youth under 18 years. Twenty-five common vegetables, including some tropical vegetables are eligible for entries.

To enter, bring your vegetable to the fairgrounds on Friday, Jan. 14, opening day, between 10 a.m. and noon and take the vegetable to Building 5, which is the Agriculture Building. You must fill out a

form, have the vegetable weighed and at noon the winners will be announced. No more than one prize can be awarded to a person.

The South Florida Fair runs January 15 through Sunday, January 30.

For information on the contest, call the Fair at 799-0333 or the Extension Service at 233-1750. Application blanks are also available at the fairgrounds and Extension offices.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The American Red Cross Glades Area Branch is looking for residents of the Glades area to get involved with various programs and services offered by the American Red Cross.

There will be a new Volunteer Orientation held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000 at 6 p.m. at the office, located at 105 U.S. Highway 27, South in South Bay.

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Jerry Tuliano enjoys a round of golf during the 5th Annual Belle Glade Fire Rescue Golf Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 18. Proceeds from the tournament are used for the annual Black Gold Children's Fishing Tournament and the many educational programs Belle Glade Fire Rescue does in the local schools. Belle Glade Fire Rescue employees wish to thank all the golfers who came out and all the businesses who donated their time and money to towards assisting the Fire Department in teaching fire safety.

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said the accident happened at State Road 15 and Padgett Circle about 7:30 a.m. Eliaz Herterington, Jr., 64, died at the scene after James Arthur Lee, 71, of 771 Frazier Court, Pahokee made a left turn in his 1994 Mercury in front of Burnice Adie, 44, of 118 Maple Drive who was driving a 1993 Lincoln.

February 25 - Pahokee resident Barbara Spencer Swaby, 50, was pronounced dead at the scene Sunday, Feb. 20 after a tractor-trailer ran over her vehicle on State Road 15 at "Dead Man's Curve."

The Pahokee City Commission decided to revise the rules and regulations of the Pahokee Campground to include a clause that will allow campers to only stay at the campground for six months within a 12-month period.

March 4 - Diversifying Belle Glade's economy has been a goal of the city for several years and they're banking on a new business park to do just that. Commissioner Steve Weeks

says funding is now in place to develop the Belle Glade Business Park on SR 80, just across the road from the Solid Waste facility.

Registered voters could go to the polls on Tuesday, March 9, to decide if incumbent Clarissa Davis and Basil Anderson will remain on the South Bay City Commission or if challengers John Wilson and Esther Berry will take over their seats.

March 11 - Charles Holt, 58, of Pahokee was walking along State Road 715 just north of Belle Glade when he was hit by a 1987 Lincoln driven by Isais Melendez, 24, of Belle Glade.

The impact knocked Mr. Holt down and he was then hit by a truck and two more passing cars before traffic was stopped.

After 12 years on the South Bay City Commission Basil Anderson will turn his seat over to newly-elected Palm Beach Community College teacher Esther Berry.

Clarissa Davis, 28, held her Group 2 seat, beating out John Wilson by only 14 votes.

March 18 - A fire that started in the men's restroom at Winn Dixie store on South Main Street about 2 p.m. Monday is being called suspicious by the fire marshal's office.

Belle Glade Fire responded to the fire in the Big Lake Plaza and put out the flames in about 15 minutes.

A Belle Glade man and a Clewiston man both died in a head-on collision at State Road 25-and Okeelanta Road on Saturday, March 13. Florida Highway Patrol handled the accident. Johnnie L. Lusane Jr., 48, of Belle Glade and Anthony McGrew, 23, of Clewiston died at the scene about 6:30 p.m.

March 25 - A controversial parking ordinance, which if enforced as written could affect the livelihoods of many Belle Glade residents, was to be discussed in a workshop by Belle Glade City Commissioners.

Peter Wiles Jr., president of Mid-Lakes Navigation Co. was in Pahokee this week deciding whether he will bring five of his canal boats to the city from New York. Mid-Lakes Navigation is a family business which has 30 years of experience in canal boat navigation.

April 1 - The Health Care District board unanimously voted last Wednesday to sell Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade to Province Healthcare. Based in Tennessee, Province owns many rural hospitals. They will pay the district \$10 million for the hospital at signing and another \$1 million annually for five years.

Everglades restoration can move forward with the closing of the \$152 million Talmansman property in the Everglades Agricultural Area. With funding from the federal and state governments, the South Florida Water Management District will take title to the more than 163,000 acres of farmland south of Lake Okeechobee.

April 8 - Seventy-six new homes may go up in Belle Glade in the future plans work out for James T. and Yvonne Houston.

The couple plans to build the single-family homes on nineteen acres adjacent to Glades Diamond

housing development and near Glades Central Community High.

Two Pahokee residents were seriously injured when they were attacked by as many as three masked robbers at their motor home at the Pahokee Marina and Campground. Pahokee police say Kathy Duggan was in stable condition at St. Mary's Medical Center after being flown to the hospital after the attack. Her boyfriend, Timmy Housch, was also injured in the attack.

April 15 - A family returning home from church on Sunday, April 10 lost their three children when their van went into a canal on State Road 80 and all three children drowned. The family was returning home to West Palm Beach after attending church at the First Apostolic Church in Pahokee when their van apparently blew a tire.

Belle Glade Police Chief Mike Miller was presented the first copy of the 1999 Jubilee booklet on April 13. The booklet was dedicated to Chief Miller for his many years of service to the community and the annual Black Gold Jubilee Festival.

April 22 - Kids, parents and grandparents were as far as the eye could see around the rim canal at the annual Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest April 17. Organizers said over 1,000 people attended the event and 418 children participated in the fishing contest.

Donna Margarita Dixon, daughter of Lawrence and Margarita Dixon of Belle Glade was chosen the 1999 Harvest Queen. Donna is a senior at Glades Day School and was sponsored by R.C. Hutton Farms.

April 29 - Amidst the turmoil of a week steeped in student-borne violence, Glades Central seniors Claude Harriott and Morana SHilliar called upon the Glades Central student body to pray for peace. The call was made Thursday, April 21, in the aftermath of a Tuesday morning act of violence against a Glades Central teacher and a horrific massacre at a school in Littleton, Colorado, the same day.

The annual Black Gold Jubilee drew thousands to the Belle Glade Marina for a day of fun, food and entertainment.

May 6 - United States Sugar Corporation completed harvest April 27 of the largest sugar cane crop in company history, producing more than 7.3 million tons of cane and yielding more than 800,000 tons of sugar.

An alarming rise in home and auto burglaries over the past three months in Belle Glade has kept police busy and homeowners concerned. Police have responded to over 200 crimes throughout the city.

May 13 - Belle Glade resident Edwin Lively had a harrowing experience after he came home and interrupted three men who were robbing his residence. The men threatened his life with a pistol and a knife and hit him with a baseball bat. Belle Glade Police were able to catch the men shortly after their robbery attempt.

Two South Bay teens who did not know how to swim drowned at the Canal Point Locks. Jeremiah Lemons, 16, and his 13-year-old brother, Jacob, were fishing with family by the canal when the accidents occurred.

May 20 - After 16 months as Pahokee Youth Development Centers' administrator, Norman Townsel has stepped down from his position. Mr. Townsel has accepted a position at another Correctional Services Corporation facility in Baltimore, Maryland.

Two new police officers were sworn into the South Bay Police Department during the Tuesday night commission meeting. Joseph A. Viera and Larry Preece will join other officers under the command of Police Chief Danny Jones. This brings the department to a total of 14 officers.

May 27 - Philanthropist and Glades farmer Robert Mace died this week.

A committee was formed to help bring a YMCA to the Glades. The Glades YMCA Development Committee said the facility would hopefully include

a college size gymnasium, olympic size pool children's play area, a fitness center and racketball courts.

June 3 - Silvio Gonzalez of Belle Glade has not been seen or heard from since April 8, 1999. His family in Miami reported him missing to the Belle Glade Police Department. An investigation revealed Gonzalez was taken to Miami from his home at 817 N.E. 27th Street by his stepson on or about April 8 and dropped off at a friend's house to go fishing. Gonzalez, 56, has not been seen since.

Barbara Scruggs and Martha Lynn Weeks participated in the Leukemia Society's "Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll" 26 mile marathon, on Sunday, May 23 in San Diego, California.

June 10 - Belle Glade's PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is moving to West Palm Beach in August. The Belle Glade center will close at the end of this school year and not offer summer programs. PACE (Practical, Academic and Cultural Education), is a nationally recognized program designed to provide an alternative to the institutionalization of troubled at-risk girls 12-18 years old.

Pahokee Commissioners defeated an ordinance at Tuesday night's commission meeting requiring a locked gate on any bridge constructed over the Toe Canal along the levee at Lake Okeechobee.

June 17 - Members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) from Belle Glade, Pahokee, Clewiston and South Bay set up picket lines outside the Belle Glade Post Office on Wednesday, June 9 to alert the public to the reasons behind a breakdown in contract talks with the United States Postal Service.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, along with several other Glades area agencies, conducted a sweep of the area looking for sexual predators or offenders who were not living where they gave their

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Sports this week



The Glades Central 1999-2000 Raiders Boys varsity basketball team includes: (12) Woody George, (20) Sam Tarver, (22) Edmundo Jefferson, (33) Teldrin Foster, (40) Telario Allen, (34) Frank Smith, (30) Wadson Prinstit, (10) George Jean, (14) Remus Jones, (24) Mike Francois, and (21) Levasyea Haslem with head coach Darryl G. Mitchell.



The Glades Central 1999-2000 Raiders girls varsity basketball team includes: (55) Charlisa Anderson, (20) Latessa Hill, (12) Princess Walker, (22) Shameka Thomas, (21) April Gadsen, (23) Gentle Chatman, and (14) Ramonda McDonald, with head coach Yolanda Rhodes.



The Glades Day 1999-2000 Gators Boys varsity basketball team includes: (55) Tito Mirabal, (13) Bucky Dolarow, (14) Patrick Cross, (35) Ryan Shackleford, (42) Darryl Herring, (22) Terrence Hicks, (32) Tony Porter, (53) Kamron Hays, (34) Jonathan Lively, (44) Josh Braddock, and (20) Jesse Montalto, with head coach Richard Schmidt.



The Glades Day 1999-2000 Lady Gators girls varsity basketball team includes: (13) Helan Barhoush, (22) Jenna Garrett, (24) Carmen Paez, (12) Denise Powell, (4) Evelyn Fabelo, (14) Peggy Whitney Altman, (23) Ronda Halum, (20) April Doney, and (10) Lindsay Curtiss with head coach Sherri Paez.



The Pahokee High School 1999-2000 Blue Devils Boys varsity basketball team includes: (22) Kenny Berry, (24) Antonio Wilson, (20) Everson Sanders, (45) Robert Lee, (12) Anthony Burgess, (11) Zebian Dowdell, (54) Marcus Pitre, (10) Jarvis Guley, (3) Darren Hill, (40) Dwayne Holmes, (34) Jermaine Jackson, (33) Toquon Starks, (42) Eric Moore, and (32) Antonio Richards, with head coach Christopher D. Maxon.

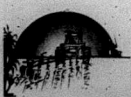


The Pahokee High School 1999-2000 Lady Blue Devils varsity basketball team includes: Josalyn Brown, Shameria Johnson, Lexaun Curtis, Sonia Jova, Tamara Dowdell, Danielle Odoms, Courtney Gibson, and Payvelle Pringle with head coach Anjannette Gilbert.

Weekly Scouting Report

Attach a separate sheet for more space to answer questions. Please drop off completed forms at *The Sun* office, 417 N.W. 18th St., Suite 6, Belle Glade or fax it to us at (561) 996-2209 or if you prefer, you may call in your scores to our Speakout number (561) 996-6636. You can also e-mail your information to gladessun@aol.com. If you have any questions, phone (561) 996-4404.

School: _____ Coach: _____
Sport: _____ Date of Game/Match: _____
Team name: _____
Current Standing (record W-L): _____
Results of last week's competition: (Who did you play? When and Where? What was the score?) _____
Outstanding team members in last week's play (please elaborate why): _____
When and where will the team compete in the coming week? Against who? _____
What are you all up to about the team's you will play this week? What happened the last time your team played them? Date, Time, Location of next game? _____
Team members to watch in the upcoming game(s) or match (es), and why: _____
Key play of the game: _____
Our team's (player's) of the game: _____
Our team's most improved player(s) of the game: _____
What our team will have to do to win the next game: _____
Is there any other information spectators should know? (Bus info? Special halftime? Etc.) _____



The Sun

We want your sports news! Just use the form above and fax it to 996-2209.

Sun sports this week

January 4, 2000
Pahokee Blue Devils Boys vs. Pope John Paul, home 6 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs. St. Edwards, away, 5 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. St. Edwards, home, 5 p.m.

January 5, 2000
Glades Central Raiders wrestling Lake Worth at home, 7 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs. LaBelle Middle, home, 5 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. LaBelle Middle, home, 6 p.m.

January 6, 2000
Pahokee Lady Blue Devils Forest Hill away, 6/7:30 p.m.

Pahokee Blue Devils Boys vs. Lincoln Park, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Central Lady Raiders vs. Suncoast, home, 6 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders vs. Cardinal Newman, away, 7:30 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs. Kings Academy, home, 5 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. Kings Academy, away, 4 p.m.

January 7, 2000
Glades Central Raiders wrestling John Leonard away, 7 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders vs. Okeechobee, away, 7:30 p.m.

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils Pope John Paul, home, 6/7:30 p.m.

January 8, 2000
Pahokee Blue Devils Boys vs. Lake Worth, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders wrestling Hendry County Inv. away, 7 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs. Ft. Lauderdale Univ., away, 11 a.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. Highlands, away, 3 p.m.

January 10, 2000
Glades Central Lady Raiders vs. Clewiston, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs. Jupiter Christian, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. Jupiter Christian, away, 5 p.m.

In coming issues of *The Sun*:

- JV team photos from area schools
- Recapping the season so far and looking ahead

•Soccer comes to the Glades

•Wrestling action



Children enrolled in the Peppi Head Start delighted family and friends with a fashion show at the Belle Glade Municipal Civic Center Monday, modeling clothing created by volunteers with Winter Haven Lutheran Services chapter.



The Staff of Glades Correctional Institute in Belle Glade donated more than 2000 toys to be distributed to the Shanadoh and the Bruant Centers for migrant families, the Belle Glade YMCA and local churches for needy families at Christmas. Pictured are Barry Carengan, Alonzo Perkins, Elvis Mendena and assistant warden Norman Jenkins.

Obituaries

Dale Bledsoe, 61, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999 at his home on Pine Island. Mr. Bledsoe was born February 18, 1938 in Laurel County, Ky. He graduated from Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy and moved to Belle Glade in 1968. He was associated with Glades Drugs for many years and later was a pharmacist at Lake Pharmacy. In August of this year the Bledsoes moved to Pine Island. Mr. Bledsoe is survived by his wife of 43 years, Myrtle Patterson Bledsoe; his parents, Ophard and Mary Bledsoe of Virginia Beach, Va.; four sons, Dale Lee Bledsoe of Belle Glade, Dana Bledsoe of Pine Island, Steve Bledsoe and wife Jeanna of Pine Island and Sean Bledsoe of Mableton, Ga. He also left five grandchildren, Dana Leigh, Stuart K., Meagan, Margot and Stephen Bledsoe.

A service of remembrance was held for Mr. Bledsoe on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999 in the chapel of Mixon Funeral Home.

Kraer-Mixon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

David B. Watkins, Sr., 90, former Pahokee resident, died Dec. 24, 1999.

A native of Forsyth, Ga., he was born on Feb. 5, 1909, son of the late Andrew and Nell Flynt Watkins. He had made his home in Pahokee since moving from Sanford in June 1955. Prior to his retirement in 1976, he was employed with Chase and Company growing celery on their Glades farmland. After his retirement he began growing orchids and hydroponic tomatoes. He was a member of the Pahokee Elks Lodge and the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee. He was married on Oct. 26, 1940 to the late Marion Della Watkins who preceded him in death on Jan. 25, 1988.

Surviving are three sons and their wives, David B. and Linda Watkins, Jr. of Tampa, W. Michael and Mardi Watkins of Wellington, and Richard and Dina Watkins of Sunrise; a daughter and her husband, Nancy and Mike Kinard of Tequesta; and six grandchildren, Shannon Watkins of Orlando, Staci Watkins of West Palm Beach, Kimberly Hannington of St. Louis, Mo., Andrew Watkins of Tampa, Douglas Kinard of Tequesta and Kelly Kinard of Tequesta.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 28, 1999 at the graveside in Port Mayaca Memorial Park, with the Rev. Dr. E. Wayne Speakman, pastor, First United Methodist Church Pahokee officiating.

Those making an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

Lorraine Webster, 87, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999 at Hospice of Palm Beach County. Mrs. Webster was born in Headland, Ala. on Dec. 5, 1912. She moved to Belle Glade in 1932, where she and her late husband B.T. (Tiny) Webster were business owners until her retirement.

Mrs. Webster is survived by four children: Jimmy Webster and wife Gail, Pat Warren and husband Leon, of Boynton Beach, Jane Smith, Brenda Braddock and husband Roscoe all of Belle Glade. She also leaves eight grandchildren: Greg Klanjac, Rodney Webster, Charles Warren, Lori Murtaugh, Brian Warren, Mike Webster, Courtney Allen and Joshua Braddock; and four great grandchildren, Adam, Austin and Andrew Klanjac and Elijah Warren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1999 at the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade with Rev. Gary Folds officiating. Interment followed at Hillcrest Cemetery, West Palm Beach.

At the family's request, donations in Mrs. Webster's memory may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

Local arrangements were handled by Kraer-Mixon Funeral Home.



Students from Rosenwald Elementary in South Bay collected more than \$350 and used the funds to purchase a 25-inch television for residents of the Palm Haven assisted living facility in South Bay. Guidance Counselor Shirley Justice, Literacy specialist Deborah Clark and music teacher Rebecca Watson spearheaded the project to replace a small black and white portable used by the nine residents of the facility. Ms. Watson's church also donated a VCR and videotapes for the residents.

Delta's attend southern regional state cluster conference

Several Delta's from the Glades Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., attended the Southern Regional State Cluster Conference, Nov. 11-15 in Daytona Beach.

The theme was "Investments for Empowerment." Soror Dr. Paulette Walker, regional director, joined by the host chapter president, opened the meeting with a welcome.

The workshops that the sorors participated in included: Program Planning and Development, which provided information on how chapters can plan and develop successful programs; Social Action, which focused on social action issues that are pertinent to African Americans in the state and in the nation; Protocol and Traditions, which provided an overview of the rituals and ceremonies within Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.; The Mental Empowerment workshop focused on sorors obtaining their goals and aspirations whether on the job in Delta or in their personal lives; Fiscal Empowerment focused on ensuring the participants received information about personal economic development, how to effectively monitor, administer and invest funds for personal financial growth. Finally, sorors attended a workshop on Parliamentary Procedure.

This workshop was designed to assist chapter parliamentarians, presidents and all members in becoming more efficient at conducting meetings.

The sorors attended a luncheon, a luau and an ecumenical service.

Overall, everyone gained knowledge and wisdom so they will be better members for their chapters. In addition, they all had fun with their sisters in Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Sorority members attending were: Soror president Lois Lewis, Joani Finney, Daphne Adams, Deloris Hayes, Gloria Bolding, Owen Johnson, Mary Rainey, Myrtle Coulon and Earlene McLemore.

Children's Hope provides support for local foster families

Children's Hope, which offers support for 40 foster parents in the Glades held their annual Christmas party for foster children and their foster families Thursday in Canal Point.

Children's Hope became incorporated in 1986 after several years of concerned foster parents meeting in household garages attempting to support one another and improve the foster care system. These efforts included improving the relationship with the state child welfare system, providing support and advice 24 hours a day, and providing special activities for children.

Children's Hope offers in-service training at three sites, support groups, new clothing, luggage and toiletries to children entering care, a second hand clothing closet, mentoring for new foster families, one-on-one skills building sessions in foster homes, holiday parties like the one held Thursday in Canal Point, a monthly educational newsletter, back to school backpacks and supplies, and periodic distribution of tickets for special events in cooperation with community sponsors.

For information on how to become a foster parent, contact Ms. Ruby at 993-4700.



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Delta Sigma Theta seeks Jabberwock contestants

The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. is asking any young ladies between the ages of 5-18 or 19 still in high school, that would like to enter their Jabberwock pageant to please contact Jeanette Keaton Blair at (561) 996-5404 or President Lois Lewis at (561) 996-7010.

The participants will be invited to educational, social and cultural events as well as trying to raise funds for scholarships to be given to graduating seniors.

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Next Elks Luncheon
January 7

The Belle Glade Elks Lodge 718 will not have luncheons Friday due to the holidays. However, we will continue our Friday Luncheons on January 7, 2000.

Thanks again to Mrs. Ruby and staff for making our luncheons such a great success. Happy New Year and may God bless everyone!

Glades Airboat & Buggy Association to meet
The Glades Airboat and Buggy Association will have their monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Belle Glade's Elks Lodge.

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Meet your neighbor

Editor's note: This is the first in a planned series of profiles of local residents who are working to make the Glades area a better place to live. If you know someone who would make a good subject for a "Meet Your Neighbor" profile, call us at 996-4404.

Name: Virginia K. Walker
Family: Husband, Byron R. Walker, children: Byron R. Walker, Jr., Russell Walker, Paula Luce

Occupation: City Clerk, city of South Bay

What you like most about your occupation: Working with the citizens. It is an occupation with a lot of diversity.

Previous occupations: Waitress, bookkeeper for bank, Savings and loan bank teller.

If you had to choose a different occupation it would be: Housewife.



Virginia Walker

Your interests and hobbies: Reading, Church.

Community involvement and memberships: Bayfest Committee, City Clerk, Literacy Involvement, Council in Church Women's Organization, Palm Beach County Clerks Association, Florida Association of City Clerks, Leadership Glades.

Belle Glade Light Decorating Contest winners announced

Winners of Belle Glades Chamber of Commerce Light Decorating Contest included:
Michelle Fullwood, 901 NE 25th Street, A Florida Christmas

Leslie Sinclair, 524 SW 6th Street, Best Holiday Spirit
Trevor Moodie, 849 SW Ave. I, Best All Around Home
Ola Simeton, 832 SW 12th

Street, Best Christmas Spirit
Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, 1600 Gator Blvd., Best All Around Business.
Chamber of Commerce director

Who is the author of the Bible?

Editor's note: This is the fourth part of a continuing series.

By Rev. Robert Bauer

In our last article we gave evidence for the divine authorship of the Bible from the perspective that the Bible presents a view of God beyond mere human invention. In this article we will show that the Bible gives a view of man beyond our own invention.

Man's View Of Himself

When man has been left to himself he has brought forth some strange ideas as to his origin. The ancients, Egyptians believed man came from the river Nile. The Greeks presented the theory that man was the product of an evil god. And the current haterbush of scientists, man-evolved from a single cell which appeared out of nothing billions of years ago.

Not only has man brought forth some strange theories to explain his origin, but he has also presented some strange philosophies to explain his actions. The ancient Gnostics presented a view that man's flesh was evil but his soul was good. There are some modern religions today who believe varia-



Rev. Robert Bauer

tions of this theory. Another view of man is that he is only the product of his environment.

Some of these theories have been proven ridiculous while others have been abandoned because the evidence does not support them.

The Bible's View Of Man

The Bible presents a view of man that we could not determine upon our own. For instance the Bible reveals we are rational beings who are expected to examine the evidence and draw correct conclusions. Jesus said, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). God expects man to examine the evidence in light of His word and, make a determination. The Bible

reveals that man is a free moral agent who sometimes does not make the right choice. God does not force mankind to serve him nor does man believe in Him. Mankind must examine the evidence and decide for him or herself. Some will choose not to serve God and some will. God gives man that choice. The Bible reveals that man was created in the image of his Creator. A Divine Creator is the only rational explanation for how something came from nothing (Genesis 1:1). The Bible reveals that man is dependent upon God for his continued existence (Acts 17:27-28; Colossians 1:16-18). The Bible reveals that man has both a spiritual and moral capacity. Man ought to love and obey God. Solomon wrote, "...[Revere God, and keep His commandments for this in every person's duty]" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Man ought to love and serve his fellow man. Jesus said one should love his neighbor as himself (Matthew 22:39). Survival of the fittest does not lead to loving one's fellow man. The Bible teaches that man is held accountable to the moral law (Romans 3:23, 6:23) and that he

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Your greatest disappointments: I don't dwell on disappointments so I can't remember any.

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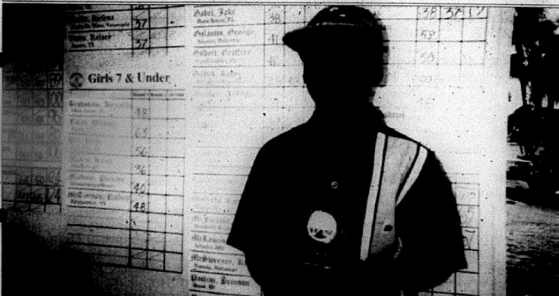
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Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Reidel Anthony, left, joined his father, South Bay Mayor Clarence Anthony and City manager Michael Jackson to distribute toys to local children at head start facilities in South Bay. The event started nine years ago when the Mayor suggested that his son demonstrate his appreciation for his many blessings by giving toys to the less fortunate. In addition to the toys, Reidel has sponsored groups from the Glades area to attend home games of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers through his Reidel Receivers Club sponsorship. Those groups include several nonprofit youth organizations throughout the Glades.



Leon Rolle, 8, of Pahokee finished in seventh place at the Doral Junior Golf Classic with a score of 82. There were 580 children from 42 states and 38 countries participating. Leon played Ed. 28-90 in the sixth annual Can-Am Buick Junior Golf Tournament at Grenele Golf Resort in Haines City. Over 100 players from Canada, the U.S. and around the world are expected to compete in the Canadian vs. American junior golf tournament.

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last known address.

The sweep began at 6 p.m. on June 8 and concluded at 2:30 a.m. on June 9 with the arrest of six known sexual predators.

June 24 - Three-time city commissioner Clay Connell announced he would resign from his seat on the Belle Glade City Commission as of July 1.

Geneva Morris of Belle Glade took five gold medals at the USA Track and Field Region 4/Florida Junior Olympic Qualifier competition in Miami.

July 1 - Thanks to several grants the Belle Glade Police Department has received over the past three years, they have been able to acquire 15 Toshiba laptop computers and the software to run the system. Officers began using the laptops in their patrol cars and at their desks on May 1.

Rob Tiller told the city commission the city now has, for the first time, a new airline at the Pahokee Airport. The name of the airline is Havana Connection and it is completely independent and available for charter.

July 8 - Fifty-two years after environmental advocate and author Marjory Stoneman Douglas placed the "River of Grass" in the national consciousness, U.S. Senators Bob Graham and Connie Mack joined Vice President Gore and other state, federal, and Congressional leaders on July 1 as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers delivered to Congress its comprehensive plan.

Hundreds of people came out to celebrate the 4th of July at the Pahokee Marina and Campground where they enjoyed the fireworks over Lake Okeechobee.

July 15 - A natural gas pipeline running through Belle Glade was discussed by representatives from Gulfstream Natural Gas System. The pipeline would carry enough natural gas to generate electricity for 4.5 million homes from Alabama through Florida.

Mikey Trammell of Belle Glade made the city proud when he won a gold and a silver medal at the 1999 World Special Olympics in Raleigh, N.C.

July 22 - With the latest high of yet another skydiver at Pahokee Airport, some people are calling the airport the "deadliest drop zone for skydivers in Palm Beach County." Brad Slager, 26, a Class A jumper,

fell over 10,000 feet to his death on Sunday, July 18 after he collided with another jumper.

The Belle Glade Fire Department and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office recovered the 1989 Chevrolet that became a death trap to a local family when it plunged into a canal on State Road 80 Saturday.

July 29 - Death row inmate Frank Valdes will not face the electric chair for the killing of Glades Correctional Institution guard Fred Griffo, because officials say Valdes was killed by guards at the Florida State Prison in Stark.

Residents who were complaining last year at city commission meetings about their water and sewer bills will not be happy to learn the rates will go up by 24.3 percent next year as the city begins paying an \$810,000 annual debt on a loan they took to expand the wastewater treatment plant and deep-well injection system.

August 1 - Three candidates have qualified to run for a seat on the Belle Glade City Commission, with several others having picked up packets. Qualifying were Don Garrett, D. Bill Mathis and Betty Boyer.

Though the Palm Beach County Glades Airport is referred to by locals as the Pahokee Airport, the Pahokee City Commission approved a resolution during their last meeting to ask Palm Beach County to officially change the name to include the city name in it.

August 12 - Three more candidates qualified for the Belle Glade City Commission race. Former city commissioner Daniel S. Bythwood has qualified for the seat currently held by D. Bill Mathis. J. Stephen Weeks qualified last Friday for the seat he has held for 10 years and he drew competition from political newcomer Cynthia Laromere.

August 19 - The Pahokee budget this year will include park improvements, finishing the expansion of the Pahokee Campground and Marina and helping to build the new fire station.

City officials are proposing a tax rate of \$6.98 per 1,000 of taxable property. Last year's property tax was \$7.17 per \$1,000.

August 26 - Homeowners in Belle Glade will see an additional \$29.65 on their tax bill

this fall to help pay for stormwater capital facilities, operation and maintenance and correcting erosion problems in ditches and culverts.

After nearly two years of running the Pahokee Youth Development Center, Correctional Services Corporation (CSC), has decided it will not renew their \$8.7 million contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

September 2 - Everglades Emergency Medical Services has been providing ambulance services to the Glades region for many years. That may change September 30 if the Palm Beach County Commission accepts a staff recommendation to award the contract to another provider.

A reception was held to welcome Glades General Hospital's new Chief Executive Officer James Perrell.

September 9 - Registered voters in the City of Belle Glade would go to the polling site at the Belle Glade Fire Department Tuesday, Sept. 14 and choose three people to represent them in city government. Seven candidates were vying for the three open seats on the commission.

Representatives from the Bank of Belle Glade and First Community Bank of Palm Beach County met with over 100 people who attended a special Y2K Community Meeting held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Thursday, Sept. 2.

September 16 - Hurricane Floyd, the strong Category 4 storm that roared toward the Florida coast Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning prompted officials to close schools and cancel city elections.

Little three-month-old Frediana Richardson died in an apartment fire at her home in Pahokee on Saturday, Sept. 11. The fire, which totally destroyed the apartment located at 354 Rardin Avenue, is still under investigation by the State Fire Marshal.

September 23 - Voters gave Steve Weeks the green light to serve his fifth consecutive term on the Belle Glade City Commission and D. Bill Mathis the right to serve his second term. Belle Glade residents will go back to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 28 to choose between Donald Garrett and Steve Wilson for Seat D.

County Commissioners will make a final decision Sept. 28

on which ambulance company will provide service to the Glades area after November 1.

County staff is recommending American Medical Response, a company that already operates in the county and was the low bidder for the service.

September 30 - Political newcomer Steve Wilson won Tuesday's runoff election against Donald Garrett to earn the right to serve a two year term on the Belle Glade City Commission. Wilson, 40, garnered 45 more votes than Garrett, edging him out 962 to 915. Wilson got 51.22% of the vote and Garrett 48.78%.

American Medical Response, a company that already provides ambulance service in the county, was chosen by the county commission Monday morning to provide ambulance service for the Glades.

October 7 - The Raymond Roth family was named Farm Family of the Year on Monday night by the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau during a banquet held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

A ballot recount held at the Supervisor of Elections office last Thursday morning netted the same results - D. Bill Mathis had won a seat on the Belle Glade City Commission. City Clerk Debra Buff said a manual recount of the votes for Mathis and his challenger, Daniel Bythwood was held at Mr. Bythwood's request. Mr. Mathis won the election two weeks ago with just 25 more votes than Bythwood.

October 14 - Police were still searching Wednesday morning for an inmate who walked away from work duty at Glades Correctional Institution. Gordon Redd, 32, is a minimum-security prisoner at the Glades Work Camp. He escaped while picking up trash on State Road 80.

Pahokee police have charged two teenagers with felony charges for throwing rocks at a school bus last Thursday after a junior varsity football game. No one was injured in the incident, but Pahokee Police Chief Carmen Salvatore said the incident was unfortunate for the city.

October 21 - The fury of Hurricane Irene, which tore through South Bay, Belle Glade, Pahokee and Canal Point late in the evening Friday, October 15, took many by surprise. Said to be a category

one storm with sustained winds of 75-80 miles-per-hour, the storm tore trees out of the ground, flattened the sugarcane crop and left thousands without power.

The Red Cross opened an emergency shelter Tuesday night in Pahokee at the Good Shepherd Church of God on Bacon Point Road. Officials say the shelter will remain open as long as there is a need.

October 26 - Former Belle Glade City Attorney John Baker was presented the coveted "Citizen of the Year" award at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Presenting the award was former recipient and city commissioner Steve Weeks.

The police department has received several complaints in the past few weeks about counterfeit \$20 bills, which are being passed to local businesses in the community. These bills appear to be made from color laser printers and are all of \$20 denominations.

November 4 - A local company closed its doors recently and moved out of the area but is now under investigation by the Economic Crimes Division of the office of Attorney General in Orlando. The Winners Circle Inc. an international company, is an operation in which workers were recruited to sell vacation packages to the public.

When Hurricane Irene blew through the Glades October 15 there were no official weather stations in the area to record the high winds. Now, the National Hurricane Center says that after collecting data from weather stations manned by the South Florida Water Management District, the highest sustained winds were logged in Belle Glade at 58.3 mph and the maximum gust was recorded at 93.3 mph at 10:30 p.m.

November 11 - A 10-month-old baby was seriously injured Tuesday, November 2 when he fell down a flight of stairs in his walker.

Another baby died when his mother, Patricia Annette Richardson, 32, of Pahokee left her 3-month old daughter, Frediana Richardson, in the care of her 3-year-old son while she walked across the street to a liquor store. When she returned home she found her apartment engulfed in flames. The baby died at the scene.

November 18 - The Fifth Annual Okeechobee Seaboard Cup

Regatta was held in Pahokee.

The City of Belle Glade was looking at their first tenant for the Belle Glade Business Park. Royal Wall Systems. The company builds precast wall systems.

November 25 - Sheriff's Office: Detectives were trying to locate anyone who saw Angel Vazquez Roblero, 42, and Abel Dario Lopez, 20, shot down about 170 Barfield Highway.

Several hundred residents drove or walked down to the lakefront Saturday for the Grassy Waters Festival. Fun, games, and entertainment were offered to residents during the day-long event.

December 2 - A delegation of sugar producers, growers and company representatives headed to Seattle for the beginning of the World Trade Organization talks.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit was starting a new program in the Glades called "Do The Right Thing."

December 9 - Popular Glades Day Senior Jason Morris died in a car accident while on his way to a school football game.

Belle Glade Commissioners discuss changing the city's election dates from September to March.

December 16 - The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is investigating the shooting death of a Belle Glade man whose body was found just after midnight early Sunday in Pahokee. Jeffrey Reidy, 22, of Belle Glade was found at 372 Barfield Highway.

The South Bay City Commission approved an application for Community Development Block Grant funds to Palm Beach County Housing and Community Development for salaries, street improvements and continued improvements to the city's wastewater system.

December 23 - The Glades Central Raiders capped off an undefeated season Friday by defeating Suwannee High School to capture the state 3-A championship. Thousands of Raiders fans flocked to Gainesville for the game.

Resolving conflicts and dealing with diverse cultures will be part of the learning process for about 30 Belle Glade City employees and city commissioners as they attend an all-day goals workshop Dec. 29 at the Drawbridge Cafe.

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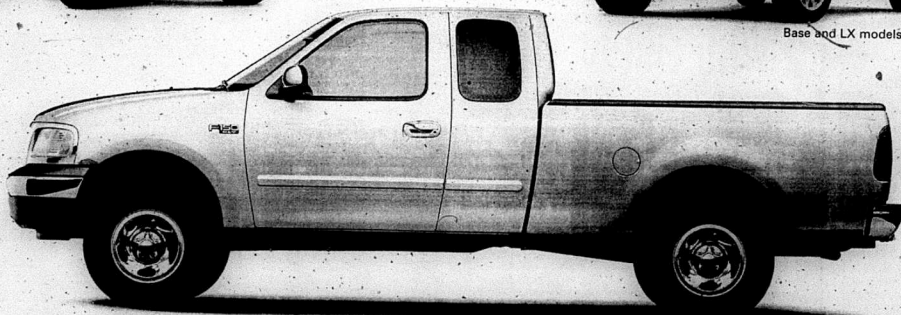
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